

# The Amnion Pulse

news of God's work among us



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## ULTRASOUND ASTOUNDS *...reflections from our ultrasound training week*

Our day at Amnion is one we will never forget! It was a rainy morning the day before a trip out of town, and we were coming to volunteer my pregnant womb so that you could get sufficient training hours but also to give my daughter an educational opportunity to see her sibling growing. My husband had been unsure about his plans to come since it was a "non-consequential" ultrasound and he was busy at work. After a last minute change in appointment time, he decided he would come along. I reminded him that it was too early to

determine gender and that wasn't the goal of the appointment... we would simply enjoy our daughter's fascination with seeing the baby on the screen. After you (the trainee) and the seasoned technician took time to do the training and get the screen set up, the screen was turned toward us so we could get a good look. Then the other technician asked, "How many babies do you see?" I remember the absolute shock that hit me (and perhaps a bit of panic) as we counted TWO babies on the screen.

My husband and I both cried as we soaked in the news and reflected on how he has been quite vocal about wanting twin girls. In fact, this is common knowledge amongst his friends and family and I was duly warned before we were even married! As we found out at later ultrasounds at the hospital, we are indeed having twin girls. We have looked back on the provision of Amnion in our lives that day and give thanks to God for His perfect timing and orchestration.

**ULTRASOUND ASTOUNDS** *(continued from p. 1)*



*"My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place." - Psalm 139:15*

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It would have been another two months before we found out we were carrying two had we not come in that day for a "non-consequential" scan. Everyone in the office was so supportive and excited with us for this unexpected news!

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*Remarkably, more than 75% of women change their minds about having an abortion after seeing an ultrasound... a glimpse of the actual life she is carrying.*

She called on a Thursday afternoon. She had just found out she was pregnant, and was asking about where to go for an abortion. *I sensed that she wanted reassurance.*



**She was distraught.**

Not from the area, Cynthia\* was in school and felt a pregnancy would ruin her chance to finish school and pursue her career. I told her that I could not refer her anywhere for an abortion, but shared briefly about the many services at Amnion.

We continued to talk.

In nursing school, Cynthia was afraid that she would be dropped from the program because she was pregnant. I assured her that was an unlikely scenario, as long as she kept up with her work. I also shared that I had been pregnant (with my second child) during nursing school, and that she did not have to have an abortion.

Cynthia became argumentative and kept saying, "So, you're not going to help me?!" Finally, I said to her, "If you want me to tell you where to go for an abortion or to tell you that it's OK for you to get an abortion, I can't do that." We ended our call.

Perhaps Cynthia began to rethink our conversation, as she called back on Friday and made an appointment to come into the center.

After doing a urine pregnancy test we sat and talked for a long time. We discussed her family situation. While she is separated from her family as she completes school,

Cynthia felt they will ultimately be supportive. Given her due date, she would be able to complete school and return home about a month before her baby is born. Cynthia seemed to be in a much better frame of mind, and was much more open to choosing life for her baby.

**A key part of our conversation that day was about trusting God.** Even though Cynthia felt that she "messed up," our conclusion was that God would use this situation *for her good and His Glory*. We talked about how this baby will be a blessing, and how glad she will be once the crisis has resolved. Finally, we prayed together.

When Cynthia came back for an ultrasound, she was amazed at her baby's development, and we identified and measured the baby's heart beating. We prayed together, and Cynthia appeared so peaceful. As she was leaving, she thanked me profusely, saying, "Thank you so much. You really helped me. You changed my mind."

**All I could do was to thank her, for giving me the opportunity to serve her, by loving her and by telling her the truth.**

## Save the Date: Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - January 17th, 2016

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is observed in response to the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision by the US Supreme Court legalizing abortion. Amnion offers speakers for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday or anytime in January. Many churches, schools and organizations also launch "Make Change for Life" or "baby bottle" fundraising campaign during this time.

Contact Amnion at 610-622-9832 or lmaravich@amnion.org to request a speaker or baby bottles to collect donations.

We invite you to remember the loss of almost 60 million unborn children since 1973, and to join with us as a voice for the weak and voiceless.

**All human life is a gift from our Creator that is sacred, unique, and worthy of protection.**



## RealEd Reflections

RealEd is Amnion's Relationship Education Program that is presented in middle and high schools and community venues throughout Delaware, Chester, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties

The RealEd team was in full swing this fall and we are glad to have a few new faces as part of our team.

**Lance** is an intern from Mission Year living in Kensington who brings a genuine attitude and willingness to try new things. His homeland is Arizona's Navajo Nation. Amnion's summer office volunteer, **Kate**, will be helping during the fall semester. She is mid-way through her college studies having completed courses at Gordon College. Kate speaks with directness and clarity, and the youth seem to connect well with her spunk and humor. Another new speaker, **Dominic**, is in his

first year of study at Westminster Theological Seminary. Dominic is passionate about helping young people avoid the emotional baggage of unhealthy romantic choices, which is apparent when he speaks in classes.

Feedback from anonymous student surveys have been very positive:

- "I realized that I can have a huge impact on girls and that I should be careful about what I do."
- "I liked how RealEd didn't shame anyone for their choices. You guys were also very honest which was brave - especially in a room of high school students."

• "This was a different kind of presentation. The presenters made it interesting, it was really honest."

• "Very relatable and impactful. I felt emotionally invested."

• "I loved how it was a friendly atmosphere."

Not only do we hear of students enjoying the presentation and learning from it, but we are encouraged that our presentation reinforces Amnion's presence as a haven of hope in the community. As one female wrote, "What was most helpful was learning that if something ever does happen I have a safe place to go."

**What was most helpful?**

"Knowing that if something ever does happen I have a safe place to go."

-female, Haverford High School

## Volunteer Moment

You have all heard the jovial expression, "...he reminds me of a drill sergeant". Well, Amnion has one of their own.

He comes with a tall McDonald's coffee, takes his job seriously and has the dependability of a former military man which means he is committed to getting the job done. He often takes items home to complete while he watches his favorite sporting event and returns them the next day. Amnion is so blessed to have him.



**Thank you Radar!**

It is a sincere pleasure to work alongside of Phillip "RADAR" Brumback, Sr. Master Sergeant, Air National Guard, Retired. Radar follows directions, makes recommendations, and is continually improving the process to streamline what he is asked to do. No doubt a result of his military background. Radar resides in Springfield with his wife Jan and is the father of three adult children. He is a member of Spruce Street Baptist Church, Newtown Square.

Radar's favorite bible verse is Proverbs 19:17: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done."

## Interested in volunteering?

If you have a heart for this ministry, no matter your previous level of knowledge or experience, prayerfully consider joining us. There are many different opportunities available to serve...**we will train you!**

Contact Louise Maravich at lmaravich@amnion.org



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# Christmas Blessings

As we celebrate Christmas this year, we want to express our sincere **gratitude** for your faithful support of the work being done at Amnion to provide tangible hope and help to our community...

... to **rescue** the lives of the unborn, to provide peer counseling and advocacy for unplanned pregnancies, to offer ongoing relationship education to young teens, and to bring material assistance and resources to young families.

## MISSION

To encourage women, men, and families to choose life when confronted with unintended pregnancy, to provide hope and healing to those suffering from past abortions, and to encourage adolescents to form healthy relationships and to save sexual intimacy for marriage.

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## VISION

- To end abortion in Delaware, Chester, Philadelphia, and Montgomery Counties by...
- Providing honest, confidential, high-quality counseling and other support services to women, men, and families confronting unintended pregnancy and grief over past abortions;
  - Teaching adolescents in schools and churches how to form healthy relationships and to preserve sexual intimacy for marriage; and
  - Partnering with parents, churches, crisis pregnancy centers, and other community organizations to inform the public of the truth about abortion and life-affirming alternatives.